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Entered at the Post Office at Decatur, Ill., as second class mail matter.

SENATOR LOGAN was able to occupy his seat in the senate yesterday, for the first time since his illness. He is said to show plainly the effects of his struggle with the pleurisy.

Up to last Saturday evening the tickets sold for the opera festival at Cincinnati reached the sum of \$80,500. The festival began last evening, and will continue through the week, with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Rev. Geo. C. Mills, pastor of Unity Church (Unitarian) in Chicago, having announced his disbelief in the immortality of the soul, has been notified by his society that his connection with the church as pastor will cease in three months.

The Washington correspondent of the Globe-Democrat, describing the hall given at the English legation last Thursday night, and those who were present, says: Mrs. J. G. Cannon, of Illinois, a lady of fine and stately figure, was richly attired in a white satin brocade, with long train and most elaborate trimmings of duchess lace.

The venerable Peter Cooper reached his ninety-second birthday last Sunday. On Saturday evening a number of Mr. Cooper's friends dined with him at his home on Lexington avenue. Among those present were Hamilton Fish, William E. Dodge, John Bigelow, A. A. Low, Joseph H. Choate, Robert Collier, and Abram S. Hewitt. Mr. Cooper is in sturdy health, and expressed himself as never more free from pains and aches than at the present time.

Some press agent at Washington last week sent out what purported to be a report of the evidence of Pity before the senate investigating committee, in which the witness is made to say that he was requested by Secretary and Mrs. Sherman to perform labor for them about their residence, and charge the same to the contingent fund of the treasury. The story looked improbable, and now Secretary Sherman informs his friends that the report is a pure fabrication, no such evidence having been given before the committee. The person who sent out the press dispatch ought to be snatched out and made to suffer for his devilish trick.

It is of no particular account, but it may be mentioned that the Washington correspondent of the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle had a talk with David Davis about the presidency the other day. To the journalist's remark that some people would like to see him a candidate, the judge replied: "My ambition that way is gone. I am too old and would not accept a nomination if tendered." "Why, judge," said the correspondent, "you do not appear to be 60 years of age, and are a hale and hearty man." He rejoined: "Well, that may be so; but I am 67 years old, and the machine is not what it used to be. I am not a candidate, and will not be."

Hear is another scrap of evidence to the effect that the railroad war will not be definitely settled by the verdict of the recently appointed arbitrators, unless that verdict happens to be in favor of New York and against differential rates. The New York Times says:

"Whether authorized representatives of the several trunk lines have agreed to accept the decision, whatever it may be, and abide by it, is not clear. But whether they have or not will make no permanent difference. It is a question over which the present trunk line presidents and vice-presidents are likely to lose their control. Business considerations and not arbitrary agreements are sure to prevail in the long run. It will be in the power of any new and independent line to make it simply impossible for the Central and the Erie to carry out any agreement for differential rates with the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio."

Tickets of admission to the Garfield memorial exercises at the Capitol in Washington on the 27th inst. are in great demand. Each senator, representative and delegate in congress is entitled to three tickets, and some of them have had several dozen applications for tickets already. The chairman of the joint committee alone have the control of the tickets, which are not yet printed. The arrangements are intended to be so complete that only those who can be accommodated with seats will be admitted, and there will be no rush, no crowd, no discomfort.

A very sad story comes from Lancaster, Pa., where the Hon. H. C. Rogers has been committed to jail for twenty days for vagrancy. He is a lawyer, and has been a master of several languages. He was a member of the state constitutional convention of Pennsylvania in 1877, and minister to Sardinia under Martin Van Buren, but is now in his dotage.

AN ABSTINENT'S APPETITE.

From the Philadelphia Dispatch. Mr. Willie arrived on the 4:45 train from New Haven. No gunner heralded his arrival, and not a single sunflower or lily was awaiting his advent when he stepped from the cars and looked dubiously around. He wore a little green ulster, lined and trimmed with fur, and a fur cap to correspond. He held a cigarette between his lips and resting quietly on his chin. He is not graceful. He has an unpleasant, slouching, blinking kind of walk, and of this he seems to be aware, for he quickly got himself together into a coupe slouch, and with his agent, was driven to the United States Hotel. At the hotel he threw himself upon the bed and called at once for a pot of tea. This was brought him, and while sipping it he asked what there was for supper. The waiter read to him the bill of fare, but O. W. said: "None of these things do please me." Thereupon he asked if there were any "birds" to be had. "What?" asked the waiter. "Birds," said the agent. "Oh, yes," the sable domestic announced, "plenty of 'em." Thereupon Oscar ordered a dozen Stony Creek oysters on the half shell, a partridge on toast with jelly, boiled potatoes "with the skin on mind you," Lyonnais potatoes (which are cold boiled potatoes fried with onions, O. ye aesthetes), and English fried potatoes, which are mashed potatoes made into little balls and fried. Evidently Oscar wanted potatoes, and he got them. "Will you have tea or coffee?" the waiter asked. "Give me the wine list," and this being handed him, he ordered a bottle of Piper Heidsieck champagne; and thus the apostle of Beauty made his supper.

A Mormon Wife's Death.

From the Salt Lake Tribune. The discipline of the Mormon church was never better exemplified than in the death of the legal wife of George G. Cannon, which took place on Wednesday last. Cannon, known as she was dying, but he stayed in Washington to fight to keep a polygamist in congress, that the Mormon church might be fully represented in that body. Mrs. Cannon knew she was dying, but telegraphed him to remain at his post. The poor woman, the mother of eleven children, died at the age of 43. The Mormon journals tell us she was a consistent Mormon, and was willing to suffer anything for her church. She has suffered very much. As her church began to fade she saw the man to whom in her youth she had devoted herself, take one woman after another to fill her place, and to share not only her husband, but the property she had helped to accumulate, and found at last that her life and her sufferings only resulted in her having a fourth place in the man's heart which she thought, in the long run, she had entirely won. Come to think, we do not wonder that she telegraphed him to remain in Washington. The poor woman is described as being a thoroughly womanly woman. If that be true, we do not wonder that she desired to be alone as she approached her final release.

COOL ALL THE YEAR.

What Cool Our Enterprising Butchers is Doing. John Zeller has been making numerous and costly improvements at his meat market, on North Water street, and now he has one of the most complete establishments of the kind to be found anywhere. His most recent addition is a large cooling room, 20 by 60 feet in size, the whole being devoted to the cooling and preservation of meats. The lower floor of this room, over which is a chamber filled with eleven feet of ice, is thoroughly adapted to its use, that an even temperature, but little above the freezing point is maintained all the time, and here the meat is kept in the very best condition at all times, no matter what may be the condition of the weather outside. The advantages of this improvement will be appreciated by everyone who has any experience in the buying or handling of fresh meats.

Mr. Zeller is now engaged in packing pork for his summer trade, and is putting up and curing large quantities of hams and bacon. He has always enjoyed the reputation of being a first class butcher, and as he kills only the best stock, and has facilities second to none, there is no reason why he should not very profitably increase his already large trade. The prices are as low as the market will afford. Best beef, 8 to 12 cents per pound; pork sausage 10 cents; fresh shoulders 6 cents; also hard and smoked meats of all kinds, at wholesale and retail.

A Novel and Perfect Cure for Beriberi.

A discovery has recently been made which adds luster to the nineteenth century. It consists simply in an extract from the Beriberi Blouse, as extracted by J. M. Looze & Co., Monroe, Mich., who have given to the business largely in order to supply the increasing demand. For sale by Dr. A. J. STONER.

A Night Testimonial.

From the Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1922. Gentlemen—My wife has for some time been afflicted with something like a sciatic disease, and found no relief until she gave your Extract of Red Clover a trial. I am happy to say she has experienced great relief. This is but a slight testimonial of my appreciation of your efforts in behalf of humanity, which are welcome to me for their benefit. I am very respectfully, Feb. 3, 1922—J. E. ARMS.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

OIL ABLAZE.

The Great Petroleum Fire at Olean, N. Y.

News from the Envoy to South America.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. Interest in the assassin, Guiteau, has subsided for the past few days, owing to the interest in the Soteldo-Barbott difficulty, but the advent of Mr. George Soteldo, the prisoner's counsel, today at the City Hall gave the case a new impetus. He was engaged in collecting memoranda to be used in preparing his bill of exceptions, which he had hoped to be able to present by next Saturday. He found, however, that the record had not been printed, and this would cause a delay in his original intentions, so that he would probably not be ready with his exceptions before the middle of next week.

The prisoner was visited yesterday by several members of Congress, accompanied by persistent constituents, but there were a large number of callers all day who did not have sufficient influence to pass into the corridor in which Guiteau's cell is located. They, however, contented themselves with minutely inspecting that portion of the jail in which the scaffold is located, and several women visitors ascended the steps with a view of obtaining a better idea of how the trap is sprung. The prisoner has recently been photographed in several different attitudes, but a side view seems to please him best, and he has indulged it as being the best picture ever taken of him. There is a marked difference between this and the picture taken of him on the 4th of July, for then he wore a full beard, whereas he now has only a mustache. He is apparently in good health and spirits, and Mr. Charles H. Reed thinks that he is gaining in flesh. At any rate, he seems perfectly composed and sanguine of his ultimate release.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. Among the constitutional amendments offered in the House to-day was one from Mr. Herbert to fix the number of the House of Representatives at the permanent number of 325 members. This expresses the desire of a good many members who foresee a tendency to constantly increase the House membership—a tendency which, in the opinion of Mr. Herbert, can only be blocked by a constitutional limitation. Another amendment was one offered by Mr. Payne to provide for the election of postmasters, United States district attorneys, and certain other federal officers by the people. There are not a few members who in favor of such a change, but they generally belong to the outs. The ins appear to be very well satisfied with having the political machinery.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13. The impact over the late A. M. Soteldo was held at police headquarters to-day, and resulted in the jury, after examining several witnesses, bringing in a verdict that he came to his death from a pistol shot wound inflicted by his brother, A. C. Soteldo. The bullet taken from Soteldo's chest and the wound were of the same general description, and weighed within a fraction of a grain of each other, while that taken from Barton's pistol was not only differently shaped from them, but weighed five grains more than either.

BROWNSTOWN, Ill., Feb. 13. At an early hour this morning parties residing in the vicinity of the fair grounds discovered a large-sized United States mail bag lying near the road. It had been cut open and the entire contents, with the exception of a few papers, were gone. The bag was taken in charge by a man named Fitzpatrick, and brought to town and left with General George F. Dick, postmaster of the city. Upon investigation it was found that the bag had come up on Saturday night's mail from St. Louis, on the Chicago and Alton, being destined for Carrollton, Ill., on the Kansas City division of the above road. The mail transfer was made at the Union depot here, and while on the truck, it is thought, the bag was made away with by the robbers. As yet no clue as to who the guilty parties are has been discovered.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 13. William Patton, a gentleman well known here in railway circles and from an engine No. 207, of the Illinois Central, who had just arrived in the city and was relieved from duty for the night, was returning home when he attempted to cross the track at Madison street crossing and was instantly killed by engine No. 39, doing switch service in the yards. His leg and arm were cut off, and his body crushed in a fearful manner. He was about 35 years old, and leaves a wife and two children. He was killed within twenty feet of his home and family.

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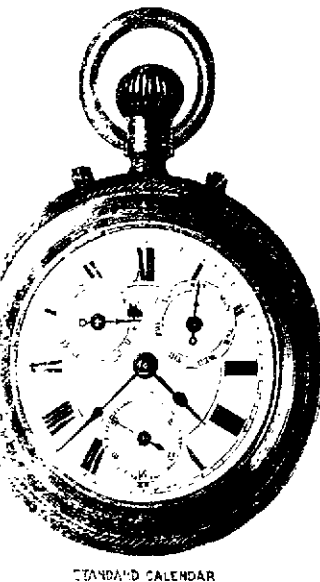
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HEAVY frost this morning.
RESCUE's grand ball tonight.
How many Yaks did you get today?
VERNON predicts deep snow in March.
GRAND roller skate carnival tomorrow night at the tabernacle.
You will receive a valentine if you go to the Rescues' ball tonight.

Take a hand in the shooting tournament tomorrow.
Messrs' school shoes in great variety at L. L. Ferriss & Co's.

There was a quiet wedding this forenoon at Einstein's millinery rooms, and Justice Albert officiated.
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Those Illinois editors who have little else to do will converge at Springfield tomorrow to be present at the annual meeting of the State association. Business is business and we can't give.

Smoke more but Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars and you will be happy.
We are to have "Hazel Kirtle" Monday evening. The sale of reserved seats will begin on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

The firemen's fair and festival will begin at the tabernacle on Thursday evening. Numerous prizes will be disposed of.

Don't fail to attend the Prof. Leonard grand masquerade ball Thursday evening. You may get a prize.

Paragonize the diamonds fair and festival at the tabernacle Thursday and Friday nights.

Our Nautilus correspondent has a gossip letter in this issue. It is written up in good style, and is well worthy of close perusal.

The Married Ladies Pleasure Club held a meeting at the residence of Mrs. Brad Durfee this afternoon. This club will soon give their last party at the St. Nicholas for the present season.

Our little folks and a number of persons not so small are wrestling with the valentine "maniacs" today. The lobby of the postoffice has been crowded all day, and the clerks behind the boxes are thinking of striking for higher wages.

A canvas of new styles Brussels and Ingrain Carpets just received.

Tax Collector Barnes has valentine at his office, in open block, for all persons who got left at the postoffice today. Barnes wants each receipt taken away before it gets musty.

Make your contributions to the library fund without delay. Drop your notes in the box at the library room. There will be a meeting of the contributors to the fund on Friday evening, at the county treasurer's office, and it is desired that there be a full attendance of all parties.

No better musical instruments in the country than are those on sale at C. B. Prescott's, in open block.

Turner were many calls this forenoon at Curtis & Co's for reserved seat tickets for the organ fund entertainment at the opera house Thursday evening. Three separate plays will be presented.

"THE DRESSER," the noblest and latest style but, to be had only at north-west.

The Springfield Monitor of Monday had the following reference to the fine Jersey bull recently sold by Mr. A. T. Hill for \$75: "Mr. C. A. Gorman, received, on Saturday, a very fine Jersey bull. He is 7 months old, beautiful, and a perfect model of an animal, recorded in the herd book as (Gen. Richard) Odesley. The Jersey is the future city cow, she costs so little to keep and returns so abundantly in milk, cream and butter. For this reason, we think Mr. C. A. G. has done well to secure such a valuable animal for his choice little herd at Jerseys."

There are no departments in dry goods which deserve more consideration from ladies than Hosiery, Gloves and Corsets, and it will surprise those who would walk five blocks to save 1 cent a yard on calico, when we assure them that many of these articles are retailed from 25 to 10 per cent higher than we sell them.

Chap reports gathered by the Chicago Times from every portion of the Northwest show that winter wheat is in excellent condition, and that the area of spring wheat will be increased. Farmers in Southern Illinois and Indiana are buying corn for their own consumption, and the hog crop has been quite thoroughly marketed. Minnesota still has on hand twenty million bushels of wheat, and expects to raise a crop one-fourth larger than last year.

CLAWS, attractive and nice, just received at MILLER'S LIVERY ROOM.

ORDERS for DECATUR NOT COAT, screened, promptly filled by R. McClelland, Telephone at Cole Bros' drug store.

Way don't you try Carter's Little Life or Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache and all the ills produced by disordered liver. Only one pill a dose. Sold by Hubbard & Swearingen.

To Be Sacrificed.
A few nice blankets, a few handsome stawls, and a few elegant black dolmans and light jackets suitable for early spring wear. The carpenter in a few days will tear up the room now occupied by these goods. We shall sell them at once by making prices unreasonably low. Some kind of reductions will be made in every department. Cash buyers are invited to call promptly and learn what is meant by sacrificing goods. Respectfully,

POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.

St. Louis Beer.
Anthony & Kuhn's celebrated St. Louis Lager Beer delivered to any part of the city in large or small kegs, by J. S. CAMPBELL, Agent.

Gold Papers, 20 Cents.
A few patterns gold papers at 20 cents, at Abel & Locke's carpet store.

A Short Chapter on the New Summer Stove made by Ferguson & Kinney.

1,000 Now Ready for the Market.

Last evening a REPUBLICAN representative had the pleasure of being shown through the manufacturing establishment of the "Ferguson Stove Company," on North Water street, where are built the celebrated Ferguson Vapor Stoves that were placed on the market last season. The members of the company are Mr. W. L. Ferguson and Mr. Arthur E. Kinney, and an examination of one of their improved stoves will convince any one that they have succeeded in attaining perfection in the Ferguson burner, and a good burner is the crown of the stove.

CRUISING FEATURE
of a vapor stove. This burner, as was shown by the tests last evening, is entirely new in principle and design, the generation of gas being perfect and the combustion complete, making the largest and hottest flame possible to obtain. The caps on the burners of the Ferguson stoves do not have to be taken off. The gasoline is turned on from the holder, the match is applied, and soon there is a steady bluish flame, compact in form, that will boil a half gallon of cold water in less than 10 minutes, a feat that the manufacturers claim no other vapor stove will accomplish. Another point is the fact that it has three rows of jets, and the size of the flame, which is always steady, is regulated by means of a needle-point attachment. The top of the burner becomes red hot and remains in that condition until the fire is extinguished. There is no smell whatever, and all the gasoline is burned. There is nothing about this burner to get out of order, no cotton packing being used, but instead a wire coil placed in the supply pipe, an invention entirely original with the senior member of the firm, who has worked hard and patiently to make the stove a complete success. A large number of well-known and responsible citizens of Decatur have examined this burner and they all unite in praising it. One burner consumes three-fourths of a cent's worth of gasoline an hour.

The firm has now about 1,000 stoves ready for the market. They are working six men every day, and two others are employed in making necessary attachments. When the season fairly opens the working force will be doubled. Five different designs of Ferguson stoves are manufactured. The three-burner stove has a hot water tank, drip pan, and shelf below; also, an extension shelf at the left. The two-burner stove has the same attachments, and the two-burner low stove has an adjustable top grate and drip pan; and the third two-burner stove, without drip pan, is the third design of this style. The one-burner stove has a large frame similar to the others, and this is another good point in favor of the Ferguson stove which will be readily recognized. Each stove is supplied with the needle flame regulator and out-off valve, so that the holes cannot be stopped up. Much more might be written in favor of these vapor stoves, but the above will do by way of introduction.

We predict a large and prosperous business for the firm. They are now receiving orders from jobbers and retailers from various points and Merchants, Wells & Co., and probably other dealers will handle the Ferguson stoves in Decatur.

Parties in this section who are interested in the Ferguson burner attached to them at a comparatively small cost.

Either Mr. Ferguson or Mr. Kinney will take pleasure in showing all who call at their extensive establishment the beauties of the "King Burner."

A lot of hogs brought fancy prices in Chicago yesterday. One lot brought \$7.00 per hundred; the highest price that has been paid, "so it is said, since the government was formed."

Yours men's meeting in the A. M. C. A. rooms at 7:30 o'clock this evening. All young men are especially invited. All members ought to be present.

MISS FRANKLIN, costume, from Peoria, will be here on Wednesday or Thursday, with costumes for the Leonard ball masquerade. She may be found at Drake's Hotel.

The prize shooting tournament tomorrow will take place in the ravine at the foot of South Water street.

Two stores were closed by the Sheriff at Peoria yesterday McGrath & Co. grocers, and J. H. Kruse, hardware.

A complimentary supper.
The members of the Decatur Guards never do things by halves, and wherever they give a party of any kind it is always a money affair. To-morrow the elegant invitations will be sent out announcing a grand ball and reception to be given by the Guards at their armory on the anniversary of George Washington's birthday, Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, and in connection with this party the Guards will tender their guests a grand complimentary supper to be served at intermission at the St. Nicholas Hotel. No pains or money will be spared to make this party an immense social success, the crowning reception of the season in Decatur. Tickets, admitting one gentleman and lady, will cost \$1.00 each, and no extra charge for the supper. Secure your tickets from the committee on receipt of the invitations to-morrow.

Decatur at Pike's Peak.
The Republic of the 10th, published at Colorado Springs, Colorado, contained the following personal mention of Macon county people:

Mr. Richard Ashby, of Decatur, Ill., is visiting his friend, Mr. Thomas Barber. He thinks of making his home in the west. We should be glad to see him bring his family to Colorado Springs.

Mr. Norman Failing, of Macon, Ill., has been gladdened by the arrival of his wife. This wonderful climate is doing for Mr. Failing what it has done for thousands of other asthmatics—giving him grateful relief and hope of final recovery.

Dance To-Night.
The Decatur Rescues, the champion hose running team of Illinois and the west, will give a grand reception and ball at the armory of the Decatur Guards to-night, and the prospects are bright for a large company of dancers being present. The various committees have completed all necessary arrangements for the ball, and the Rescues will give all their friends a hearty welcome. The best of music has been secured for the occasion.

Hon. L. L. Haworth departed for Mt. Vernon, last evening, on lodge business.

James Lundford was in the city yesterday, shaking hands with his friends.

Mrs. Will. Race, Mrs. L. L. Haworth and Mrs. P. H. Brueck departed for St. Louis home last evening.

Dr. Dempsey, of Warrensburg, paid Decatur a business visit yesterday and returned last evening.

Miss Laura Brockway has returned home after a protracted visit among relatives and friends in Toledo, Ohio.

Will G. Sibley and bride were given a reception at the residence of the groom's father, Dr. Sibley, last evening.

Miss Louisa New, of Toledo, was the guest of Miss Sylvia Shaffer yesterday and last night. Miss New will leave for La-Salle to-day.

E. D. Bartholomew has gone to New York and other points in the East to purchase another mammoth stock of new goods for the wholesale and retail queensware firm of E. D. Bartholomew & Co.

S. B. Elder and family, of Mt. Zion township, leave to-day for Jasper county, Missouri, their future home. Mr. Elder, who is the father of Mrs. L. R. Stickle, has lived in Macon county 32 years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Abbott arrived home last evening from London, Canada, after an absence of nearly a month. Both are in splendid health. They had but one sleigh ride while absent. Snow was scarce.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Binsler, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Josie Binsler, departed for Jacksonville, Florida, this noon. They will be absent two months, and will return home by way of New York.

Major Emery favored us with a friendly call this forenoon. He came down from Macon this morning with the brass collar of the Central road. The Major will make an extended tour through the West during the spring.

Rev. T. C. Hill has succeeded Rev. Hoffman as pastor of the First M. E. church at Bloomington. Rev. Hill will occupy the pulpit until a regular pastor is selected at the Illinois Conference to be held at Lincoln next fall.

George Downing will leave for Boston to-morrow evening to get ready for his spring and summer trip in the interest of a Holy land and shoe house. He is thinking of opening a boot and shoe store near the Swearingen block, on East Eldorado street.

Charley Bell, the colored janitor at the postoffice, is one of Decatur's representatives in New Orleans. He, with four strangers, went south on the Central excursion on the 9th, and will witness the Mardi Gras. The train left Decatur with 75 excursionists aboard, but only four got on here.

We have received a copy of the San Antonio (Texas) Daily Express, of Feb. 10, from R. C. Mazzy. Bob is traveling as a stock actor with the Bella Golden dramatic combination a troupe of 25 people, which played at San Antonio during all of last week, and presented "Hazel Kirtle" on the 10th.

CRIMINAL MATTERS.

A brave chicken thief named James Shipp was run down in the brush, west of Decatur, last evening, and arrested by Marshal Hewes on a warrant sworn out by W. Z. Brown, who resides at "Brownsville," a small suburban annexation to Decatur, at the West Main street crossing of the St. Louis branch of the Wabash road. Shipp has been a laborer in the vineyard, and had applied to P. H. Brueck and Mr. Brown for work. He wouldn't work for less than \$1.25 a day, and as there were plenty of men ready and willing to labor for \$1.00 a day, Shipp was permitted to stand idly by with his hands in his pockets. Friday night last W. Z. Brown had fourteen fine chickens stolen from his hen house, and a fat turkey was stolen from L. L. Haworth's farm. Mr. Brown, on discovering his loss, ascertained on Saturday that a man answering Shipp's description had sold a lot of dressed chickens at the Alderley grocery store, on North Water street, and he therefore set his pins to arrest the thief, which, as above stated, was accomplished last evening. Shipp confesses that he stole Brown's chickens and sold them to Alderley; but in order to get at the fowls the thief had to tear off a lock. If prosecuted he will go up the road a term of years for burglary. Shipp has a wife and five children.

RATHER MINED.
A young man named John Devins, who arrived in Decatur from Macopin County yesterday, swore out a state warrant for the arrest of one Alva Bird, on charge of bigamy, and the paper was placed in the hands of Sheriff Foster, who was told that Bird was a rough customer, a desperate character, and would make things decidedly lively if anyone should attempt to arrest him. Bird is a stranger in these parts, having arrived here on Friday last with his young wife, who is also his niece. They came here to visit Mrs. Bird's mother Mrs. Crawford, who lives with her husband south of Mt. Peal. Snyder's house about three miles east of this city. Sheriff Foster, accompanied by Deputy Murray and Officer Robinson, visited the Crawford place on yesterday afternoon, and took Bird in custody without any trouble. They brought him to the city and lodged him in the county jail. Bird confessed that he has another wife living, but he excuses himself for taking out himself another wife on the slippery ground that he had heard that his first wife had gone off and married another man. If all the charges are true there are two plain cases against Mr. Bird. He will be put through on a charge of bigamy; the punishment for which offense against the statutes is imprisonment from one to five years, and a fine of not more than \$1000. The marriage of an uncle and niece is incestuous under the Illinois law, the punishment for which is imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of not more than 10 years. When her uncle and husband was arrested, Mrs. Bird strongly objected, but the officers were inexorable and tore him from her sight. Mr. and Mrs. Bird have been living in various parts of the country and had intended leaving Decatur to-day. John Devins, the complainant, is still in the city, and will aid in the prosecution of his sister's illegal husband.

Immense.
Atel & Locke sold 35,942 yards of Brussels last year.

Cash Hat Store.
I will sell all kinds of Hats, Shirts, Underwear, Gloves, Scarfs, etc., at very low prices for 30 days.

Feb. 8, 1882.

KEELER, Hatter.

The examinations at the central schools began Monday, Feb. 6th, at Elwin. Each of the eight schools of this group was represented by pupils who had pursued the studies required.

The schools of Peru district were not all represented; viz., Boodly and Linevin. J. F. Minnield is the teacher at the former and Mr. McMullen at the latter.

Rosedale and old Blue Mound, were not represented at the Blue Mound examination. Washington, Pleasant View and the Central school being the only participants.

At Macon, the following schools were well represented: Charter Oak, Turner Davis and Macon. Science Hall, Middleworth, Pleasant Grove, Gregory, Central and Rolling schools were not represented.

Macon furnished all its applicants. The Ridge not having any qualified.

We publish the name of school and pupil holding rank number one, with number in class: Elwin District, Mary Price of Walnut Grove, in a class of forty-one; Peru District, Edgar Coleman of Peru in a class of ten—Blue Mound District, Lee C. Spooner of Blue Mound, in a class of nine—Macon District, Misses Addie Lewis and Katie Frazer of Macon, in a class of twenty-one—Macon, Clara Jones of Macon, in a class of ten.

Much interest has shown itself in these examinations. A few pupils entitled to attend them have timidly refused to attend from the fact that they did not know what their nature was.

For next week they will be held in the following order, commencing on Tuesday the 21st—Milam Center, Mt. Zion, Eldorado and Ridge. Parents and others are invited to attend and inspect the work of the applicants.

A teachers' examination will be held in Decatur on Friday of next week. Harshbarger had a school meeting last Thursday night.

Railroad Magnates.
The "iron collar" of the Illinois Central railroad company passed through Decatur this forenoon in the directors' car and a sleeper on their annual tour of inspection. Those in the car were Mr. W. K. Ackerman, president; E. C. Jellies, general superintendent; J. C. Jacobs, division superintendent, and several English directors of the company. They attracted considerable attention at the depot.

A Social Affair.
The anniversary of the birth of Miss Mollie Shoemaker was delightfully celebrated last night at the home of her father, Alderman Shoemaker, on East Eldorado street. It was a genuine surprise party visitation planned by Miss Neva Stewart and several other friends of Miss Mollie. Dinning to the music of the Decatur String Band, with Professor Leonard as prompter, was the principal enjoyment of the evening. An excellent supper was served. Those present were Messrs. Will Leidy, W. O. Lyter, Henry Miller, Ed. Brooks, Will Muzzy, Allan Thompson, Harry Foster, George Brown, Ike May, B. Bradley, W. J. Gable, Ernest Shoemaker, Frank H. Paine, Will Myers, Charles Silbee, and Misses Laura Brookway, Minnie Brooks, Emma Millspaugh, Katie Boyer, Anna Knight, Mina Thompson, Cora Rogers, Lou Rogers, Neva Stewart, Mary Edmunds, Ollie Sams, Beekie McRoberts, Sallie McRoberts, Mattie Sargent, Mollie Shoemaker and Mabel Carter.

The Veterans' Meeting.
The meeting of the Veterans held last evening in the office of Dr. Barnstead was called to order by the chairman, Geo. S. Durfee, with J. A. Barnes as secretary. Comrade T. M. Wells presented a program for the proposed entertainment to be given by the Macon County Veteran Association. Upon motion a committee of five, consisting of Comrades T. M. Wells, John A. Barnes, Dr. S. J. Barnstead, Geo. S. Durfee and Cyrus M. Imboden were selected for the purpose of arranging a definite program for the entertainment. Upon motion it was agreed to meet on Thursday evening, Feb. 16, at the Rifles' armory, at 7 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of hearing reports of committees and perfecting arrangements. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Geo. S. DURFEE, Chm'n.
JOHN A. BARNES, Sec'y.

Book Fund Meeting.
A meeting of the subscribers to the Public Library Book Fund will be held at Co. Treasurer's office, Friday evening, Feb. 17, at 7 o'clock, to choose a committee to select and purchase books, and for the election of a treasurer to said fund. All subscribers and their families are requested to prepare lists of such books as they would like to see purchased, for the guidance and consideration of this committee. Literary societies, net classes, teachers' associations of any kind that have an interest in the increase of the Library, are invited to make suggestions of lists of desirable books. The board of directors of the Public Library, and all others who are interested in this work, are invited to attend the meeting.

Mrs. H. C. JOHNS,
Chairman Soliciting Committee,
13 1/2 St.

Woolen Underwear, Hosiery, Cardigan Jackets, etc., must be closed out at Fleury, the French Cutter, corner of Old Square.

Ladies.
An elegant lot of hosiery is being sold at a great sacrifice at the Popular New York Store. All goods must be got out of the way of the carpenters during the next few days.

1,000 Yards
Job lot heavy matting, cheap, at Abel & Locke's carpet store.

MARRIED.
In this city at Mrs. Kate Weinstein's military emporium, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1882, by Thos. E. Albert, J. P., Mr. Miles H. Davis, and Miss Anna M. Kelsey, both of Miami township, this country.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.
The Closing Quotations of McWhorter & Rollins Commission B. was, 4 1/2 p. in Trading.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.
Wheat — — — February, \$1.21; March, \$1.24; April, \$1.25; May, \$1.26; June, \$1.27; July, \$1.28; August, \$1.29; September, \$1.30; October, \$1.31; November, \$1.32; December, \$1.33.

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Bargains in Linens.
Bargains in Calicoes and Cotton
Bargains in Dress Goods.
Bargains especially in Silks.
Bargains in Cashmeres.
Bargains in Hamburg Embroideries.
Bargains in Laces.
Bargains in Woollens.
Bargains in Cassimeres.
Bargains in Hosiery.
Bargains in Gloves.
Bargains in Towels and Crashes.

ALL OF WHICH CANNOT FAIL TO AFFORD THE PURCHASER THE GREATEST SATISFACTION.

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Decatur, Feb. 10, 1882. d&swt

DECATUR'S LARGEST

ONE-PRICE CLOTHING

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Corner of Old Square and Main Street.

This Establishment is the youngest and the Clothing Stores in Decatur, and still it is the largest and finest of its kind.

We take pleasure in announcing to the Public that MR. A. J. BREWER has assumed the management of our stock.

